

May 18, 2020

All Monitoring Activity Resumed

Dear Residential Contractors,

Effective June 1, 2020 Residential Contract Monitoring staff will resume all monitoring activities. Notification for scheduled monitoring to occur after the next two weeks will be sent as early as today or tomorrow. Please see our planned roll out below:

1. **June 1, 2020** begin on-site contract monitoring of single branch Child Placing Agencies and GROs in counties that have reopened at 25% capacity and have fewer than 100 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 5/15/20.
2. **June 29, 2020** begin on-site contract monitoring of single branch Child Placing Agency and GROs in counties that have fewer than 300 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 5/15/20.
3. **July 20, 2020** begin on-site contract monitoring of all GROs and all CPAs in all counties. Where possible we will limit the number of branches to 2 branches per CPA

In preparation for these visits, the Contractor will ask the following COVID 19 screening questions of each foster parent, child, and employee the week prior to DFPS contract staff arrival. These questions will also be asked on the day of arrival and prior to any in-person interviews being conducted. If the responses to the screening questions indicate risk of exposure to COVID 19 on the Friday before the monitoring an alternate child record will be selected or a virtual interview may be arranged.

Screening Questions:

1. Have you or anyone that may be present during a visit traveled out of state or out of the country in the last two weeks?
2. Have you or anyone that may be present during a visit had contact with anyone who could have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last two weeks?
3. Have you or anyone that may be present during a visit had a fever, cough, sore throat, chills, difficulty breathing or fatigue?

Residential Contract Monitors will use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment at all times and follow CDC and local health department recommendations to limit exposure including the use of masks, gloves, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer. DFPS monitoring staff will also submit to reasonable screening for COVID 19 prior to entering your

operation. The information regarding confirmed cases of COVID19 is located here [Cases & Deaths by County | CDC](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate towards resuming monitoring efforts.

Sincerely,

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